

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

APPELLATE SIDE

WRIT PETITION NO.1445 OF 2005

Govind Dhondi Jadhav & 18 Ors.

.. Petitioners

V/s

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.
Respondents

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Mr. [P.N. Joshi](#) for the petitioners.

Mr. R. D.Rane, Additional Government Pleader, for the Respondents.

**CORAM: DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J. &
S.A. BOBDE, J.**

DATE: MARCH 15, 2005.

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1. Rule. Mr. [R.D. Rane](#), the learned Additional Government Pleader, waives service of the Rule on behalf of the State. By consent, the Rule is made returnable forthwith and taken up for hearing.

2. By this petition, the petitioners are seeking a very limited relief, whereby the petitioners' application, which is pending before the second respondent- Collector, Nashik - under Section 28A of the Land Acquisition Act 1894 ("the Act" for short), may be decided expeditiously.

It appears that pertaining to the notification, which covers the land involved in this petition on 12th May, 2003, the reference Court has granted enhanced compensation. Based on the same, an application was filed under Section 28-A of the Act on 10th September, 2003.

3. In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, we direct Respondent No. 2 – Collector, Nashik – to decide the said application for enhancement of compensation under Section 28-A of the Act as expeditiously as possible, preferably within four months from the date of receipt of this order. While doing so, the second respondent shall take into account the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *Union of India & Ors V/s. Mangatu Ram*, reported in AIR 1997 SC 704.

4. No further directions are necessary. Rule is made absolute in the above terms. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

CHIEF JUSTICE

S.A.BOBDE, J.